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RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR WOMEN .
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rural development schemes being implemented by the Government for upliftment of women;

(b) the amount allocated and utilized under such schemes;

(c) whether the Government proposes to launch any new scheme for upliftment of rural women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development implements a number of poverty alleviation and rural development programmes throughout the country. Special provisions have been made for women in the guidelines of major programmes of the Ministry in order to ensure their socio-economic development. Under the wage employment programme of Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), 30% of employment opportunities are reserved for women. Against the total employment of 368.31 crore mandays generated during the 10th Five Year Plan, 94.87 crore mandays were generated for the women. The Swaranajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is a self-employment programme which aims at to organize the rural poor into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and to provide them credit and subsidy to set up sustainable economic activities. Under this programme, 50% of the Groups formed in each Block are to be exclusively for women which will account for at least 40% of the total swarozgaris. Of the total 56.73 lakh swarozgaris assisted during the 10th Five Year Plan, 33.62 lakh swarozgaris were women. Under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), assistance is provided for construction of houses to the Below Poverty Line households in the rural areas. It has been provided in the guidelines that houses are to be allotted in the name of women members of the household or alternatively in the joint name of husband and wife. During the 10th Five Year Plan, 63.33 lakh houses were allotted in the name of women or in the joint name against the total number of 82.41 lakh houses constructed. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (NREGA) which has come into operation presently in the selected districts of the country provides that priority shall be given to women in such a way that at least 1/3rd of the beneficiaries shall be women who have registered and requested for work under the Act. During the year 2006-07, it has been reported that the share of women persondays of employment generated under NREGA is well above 41%.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.